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Aviation Milestones

Col. Blair E. Hansen, 363d Expeditionary Operations Group commander, surpassed 100 combat hours last week while stationed at PSAB.

IN BRIEF

Chapel schedule

Thursday

☐ 6 p.m. — Holy Thursday Mass

☐ 7:30 p.m. — Protestant Maundy Thursday service

Friday

☐ Noon — Protestant Good Friday devotional

☐ 6 p.m. — Catholic Good Friday service

☐ 7 p.m. — Protestant Gospel Joy night service

Saturday

☐ 8 p.m. — Easter Vigil

☐ No 5 p.m. Ops Town mass

Sunday

☐ 5:15 a.m. — Ecumenical sunrise service near Camel Lot

☐ All other Sunday services will be held according to the weekly schedule.

Weather contest winner

Col. Jack Eldridge, Desert Shift coordinator, won a voucher for athletic shoes for having the closest guess in the 363d Expeditionary Operation Support Squadron's 100-degree contest.

Force protection

For operational security, people are reminded to remove line badges, identification cards, and other items from DCUs or other clothing items before giving them over to the cleaners.



Photo by Senior Airman Brian M. Kester

A 363d Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-15C pilot deployed from RAF Lakenheath, U.K., tops his tanks over Saudi Arabia from a 363d Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 deployed from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. In addition to these types of aircraft, the base's open house will also display the other aircraft deployed here.

Open house highlights aircraft, other equipment deployed here

By Senior Airman Brian M. Kester
Editor

Every type of aircraft deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, as well as other special equipment assigned here, will be on display Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon during the 363d Expeditionary Operations Group open house.

"Some people say the Air University is in Montgomery, Ala., but I know it's right here at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia," said Col. Blair Hansen, 363d Expeditionary Operations Group commander. "We have every type of aircraft you can imagine — fighters, tankers, reconnaissance, intelligence, command and control, helicopters — and on Saturday, people will be able to see them all. Other air shows may offer some or possibly most of these jets, but they still have to fly them in for the show. The great part about us is that we already have them, and we'll have people standing by to tell how each one contributes to the mission we have here."

The last AEF rotation was the first time the base had the chance to display all of its aircraft on the ATOC ramp, and the response was phenomenal, said Lt. Col. Steve Sheehy, open house coordinator. In fact, one of the first things Sheehy's predecessor told him was to work at having another open house because of how well the last one was received.

"Everyone really had a great time at the last open house so we couldn't wait to put another one on for the troops," Sheehy said. "This is a great air show; the only thing we don't have is the flying part (for operational security reasons). But it's free and you get to see jets that most other air shows only wish they could get."

One of the biggest reasons for putting on the air show here is to open up the flightline for the people who might not always be able to see the jets in action.

"My folks are really excited about putting this

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PSAB – A leadership laboratory

By Brig. Gen. Allen Peck
363d Air Expeditionary Wing commander

You have probably heard Prince Sultan Air Base referred to as a “leadership laboratory.” We are part of a grand experiment in how to conduct sustained combat operations using rotationally assigned forces. The Air Force is restructuring itself to support “contingencies” such as Operation Southern Watch, and this has had an obvious impact on how this wing executes our important mission.

Since the end of the Cold War, the U.S. military has been continuously engaged in contingency operations across the spectrum of conflict, around the globe. The Air Force, in particular, has had to transition from a threat-based Cold War garrison force, focused on containment, to an expeditionary force focused on responsiveness. At the same time, the increased operations tempo created instability and unpredictability for Air Force personnel. The Air Force launched the Expeditionary Air Force concept in October 1999 with the dual objectives of bringing predictability and stability to Air Force members and their families, as well as increasing the capability of deployed forces.

The AEFs are essentially a force management tool that helps the Air Force spread its capability more evenly across the force, to include active duty, Guard and Reserve. While there has been considerable discussion regarding how the AEF will provide stability and predictability for our deployed airman, clearly this new way of doing business has impacted units such as the 363d AEW who are on the receiving end of AEF personnel. In fact, 99 percent of the personnel in this wing are TDY from another unit, assigned to the 363d for periods ranging from two weeks to 120 days. The high turnover rate, peaking during the four AEF rotation periods each year, creates some unique leadership challenges.

There have been entire books have been written on the subject of leadership. The basics of good leadership apply here at PSAB, only more so — active leadership is critical in team building and enforcement of standards in a location where nearly all of the

personnel are “on loan.” The path of least resistance is one who says, “I’ll be gone in a couple of months, why bother?” What we need at all levels is proactive leadership, with an attitude that reflects a stake in the both the present and future.

This is true for those charged with executing the Operation Southern Watch mission, and those who support it. Our adversary is cagey and the tactical situation dynamic — our flying operation requires constant attention and refinement. There are no milk runs. On the ground it is much the same — we face a very real threat of terrorist action, and our guard must remain up 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The thousands of moving parts that make up this airpower-generating machine must function whenever and wherever the JTF-SWA Commander directs. So, whether you’re here for 15 days, a full AEF cycle, or one of the chosen few serving a one-year remote, your head must be in the game.

Being a good leader is more than just keeping the e-mail in-basket cleared out. It requires genuine concern for both the mission and for the people charged with conducting it. The mission of this wing will long outlast your presence at the base — we need your active involvement. The people who work for you, whether active duty or reserve component, have chosen to serve their country in a volatile region far from home — they deserve your time and your respect.

An adage attributed to General Schwarzkopf, “never walk by a problem,” is especially applicable here at PSAB. If you see something wrong, fix it. This applies to little things such as littering, improper wear of the uniform, as well as the big things like breaches of flight discipline and force protection vulnerabilities.

We need all of you to be part of the solution. During the nine months I have been privileged to command this Wing, I have been extremely impressed with the aggressive manner in which our temp-hire cadre has attacked every problem, then ably passed the baton to the next crop of leaders and followers. That’s what makes PSAB such a great place to live and work — it’s not just “One team, one fight,” but “Our team, our fight.”

PSAB holds three-day cultural event

Prince Sultan Air Base servicemembers will have a chance to experience Saudi Arabian lifestyle, culture, food, and dancing first-hand at the Saudi Arabian cultural event Wednesday through Friday.

The event will run from 6 to 11 p.m. all three nights and will feature Saudi music, dance, food, artisan exhibits, and craftsmen showing and selling their creations. Servicemembers will also have the opportunity to ride camels and horses for free.

The event will be held at the Saudi cul-

tural center on the RSAF section of PSAB. Buses will be running from the Coalition Compound to the cultural center all three days. Unit vehicles may also be driven to the cultural center but must travel straight to the center and back without taking alternate routes into PSAB’s RSAF sections.

Vendors at the event will be selling their food and wares and this year will accept English pounds, French francs, American dollars, and Saudi riyals. Dress for the event is casual. Shorts are permitted, but must be

conservative. Sleeveless shirts and exposed midriffs are prohibited. Duty uniforms are also permitted and photography is encouraged.

“The Cultural Event is designed to give us an opportunity to interact with our Saudi hosts and to give us an opportunity to both gain an understanding of the Saudi culture and the Saudis to gain an understanding of ours,” said Lt. Col. James Howard, 363 Expeditionary Support Group deputy commander. “That understanding will help us work together on issues as coalition partners here at PSAB.”

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One Team ... One Fight

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Mental maintenance

Agencies help people cope with mid-AEF blues

By Senior Airman Brian M. Kester
Editor

The middle of an AEF deployment is statistically the hardest on the members emotionally. Increased depression can come about for numerous reasons — separation anxiety, work stress, loneliness — but for people struggling, there are several agencies to turn to for support.

The base chapel and the mental health facility both have trained individuals who can counsel and help people see the light at the end of their AEF tunnel.

“During the middle of a rotation people have settled into a routine. The newness of being deployed has worn off, but it’s still too early to get excited about going home,” said Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Randall, 363d Expeditionary Medical Group’s mental health NCOIC. “It is important to recognize some of the signs of depression which may include feeling down or hopeless, changes in sleeping or eating habits, inability to concentrate, restlessness, sudden changes in behavior, and isolation.”

These two agencies are always on call to provide assistance to people who are dealing with emotional problems.

“Chaplains are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Shelby Taylor, 363d Air Expeditionary Wing head chaplain. “We provide a good ear, allowing people to converse on a multitude of different issues. We empower people to step back and look objectively at the issues that

may be crippling them. As chaplains, we counsel people on a wide range of issues, such as spiritual, emotional, and work problems. In some cases we must help guide them to other professional help. We will walk with them as they seek further help.”

“Mental health is available Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all routine care or classes. The mental health clinic provides counseling on a variety of issues including depression, anxiety, sleep difficulty, and relationship problems,” Randall said. “Mental health counselors are also available at all times for emergency situations, and they can be consulted after hours through the coalition clinic until 10 p.m. or the acute care clinic at any time.”

For people who need to talk to someone but worry about the information getting back to a commander or anyone else, the chapel offers complete confidential counseling.

“Everything you tell the chaplain during counseling remains private and cannot be disclosed without your consent, not even during legal proceedings,” Taylor said. “The privilege of absolute confidentiality in communications with chaplains belongs to the client, not to the chaplain. There are no circumstances where a chaplain can disclose information revealed in the practice of his or her ministry without the client’s informed permission. Similarly, Air Force authorities will never require a chaplain to disclose privileged information for any reason.”

While very good at helping people solve their problems, with more than 3,000 people

deployed here, neither agency has enough manpower to help everyone struggling with depression. That’s why they ask supervisors, commanders, and friends to look for common signs and help any way they can.

“To help people who are depressed, the first thing to do is look for the warning signs,” Taylor said. “People who are depressed may appear sad, tearful, have a poor appetite, or just feel hopeless. Some more obvious signs of someone deeply depressed include deliberately injuring themselves, giving away possessions, threatening suicide, talking about wanting to die, or showing other changes from their normal behavior.”

When these signs begin to occur, especially the more serious threats, people should be prepared to administer what mental health professionals call “buddy care.”

“Our best defense starts at the ‘buddy care’ level,” Randall said. “All Air Force members are encouraged to take all threats seriously, listen attentively, and honestly let the person know you are concerned and would like to help. Also, people shouldn’t be afraid to ask direct questions such as, ‘Are you considering hurting yourself?’ Finally, if someone is considering suicide, people should never leave them alone until they get them the help they need.”

People struggling with these problems or less severe ones but still need someone to talk to, the chapel and mental health staffs ask people not to hesitate to call. The chapel can be reached at 434-7433, and the mental health clinic can be reached at 434-7853.

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show on,” Hansen said. “This is not only a chance to show off some of our capabilities to everyone, but it’s also a chance to give back to the people who are always supporting us but might not get their name in lights, like services and civil engineering troops. Without them, our mission wouldn’t get done. This is just a chance to thank them.”

The reason for the open house is to not only thank people for their support, though. The open house will also be a great opportunity for people to learn more about all the coalition aircraft assigned to PSAB.

“While we’re deployed here, we’re all focused on working

within our own sections for the success of Operation Southern Watch,” said Sheehy. “This will be an opportunity for people to get out and see how everything works together to accomplish the mission. It will also be a chance to see the total force concept in action. People can view all the American aircraft, as well as Royal Air Force and French Air Force jets. The crews are enthusiastic about showing off their own jets, especially to people who don’t get to see them everyday.”

Sheehy said that each aircraft will have one crewmember and one maintainer standing by to answer any questions about the aircraft or their mission.

In addition to the jets that’ll be lined up on the ramp, people will also get to tour other equipment assigned to PSAB.

“We’re going to have EOD vehicles and some fuel trucks out there during this open house, with crews on hand to answer any questions people might have about them or their mission,” he said. “We’re also going to have the Patriot battery out on the ramp. This is a great opportunity for people to see how all the services work together to accomplish the mission.”

Though the admission price is just being in uniform and having a valid military ID, people may still want to carry extra spending

money. Several of the squadrons will have booths set up for selling items such as shirts and coins.

Photography will be permitted, but only in accordance with General Order #1 and AEWI 35-101 guidelines. No panoramic shots of the flightline will be permitted because of operational security, and no pictures of Saudi Arabian people or buildings, to include the mosques from the Royal Saudi Air Force side of the flightline, will be allowed.

As far as getting to the event, there will be dedicated open house buses running between the Coalition Compound and the flightline starting at 7:30 a.m. and continuing until 12:30 p.m.



Staff Sgts. Rick Trueman and Hal Rustin, 363d Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, look at a chess set at the bazaar.



Tech. Sgt. Mike Castagno and Senior Airman Larry Spray, 363d Expeditionary Communications Squadron, look over perfume bottles. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford)

PSAB goes shopping



Master Sgt. Timothy Bishop, 363d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, inspects a trunk.



Maj. Jay Johnson, 363d F-16CJ unit, barters for a silk rug with Mohammed Salibahmed.



Rahim Shah shows jewelry to Tech. Sgt. Danny Deese, 363d EFS.



Senior Airman Jim Lemaster, 363d EFS, inspects a Saudi Arabian knife.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Loren Bonser

Change of command

Brig. Gen. Gary R. Dylewski accepts the Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia flag during a change of command ceremony April 5 at Eskin Village. General Dylewski's new duties include leading air and ground forces in Southwest Asia to support Operation Southern Watch, to uphold United Nations Security Council Resolutions through surveillance of Iraq, and to monitor Iraqi compliance of the coalition-directed no-fly and no-drive zones.

EQUAL for overseas returnees out today

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The latest Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing of available overseas returnee enlisted assignments becomes available at military personnel flights and online at the Air Force Personnel Center's homepage April 12.

This list includes assignments for people eligible to return from overseas in August through October.

Assignment preferences should be updated by April 20 to ensure the information is accurate in the assignment computer system before actual assignments are made.

Assignments will be released on or about May 21, officials said.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty code and rank, and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to more realistically match vacancies that will be filled in a particular cycle.

New listings are released quarterly for assignments available at overseas locations as well as assignments available for those returning from overseas areas.

Military personnel flights and commanders support staff offices have copies of the listings and can help people update their preferences.

People who are on temporary duty during the advertising period should contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. People can also access the list online at the AFPC home page.

Computer security threat is real

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The four-star general whose organization is responsible for Department of Defense computer security says the "cyber" threat against U.S. military information systems is real.

"My view is that as we look at our computer systems, we'd be kidding ourselves if we thought they weren't vulnerable," said Air Force Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, U.S. Space Command commander.

Eberhart's command assumed responsibility for computer network de-

fense in 1999, he said. The following year, it picked up the mission of computer network attack.

Today's threats against DOD — and private-sector — computer systems run the spectrum from the curious, bored high school or college student to state-sponsored 'cyber' war or computer network attack, he said.

DOD computer security experts "look at the (threat) capabilities that we know are out there," General Eberhart said. "We're never quite clear what the intent is."

For example, he cited the difficulty in determining "whether this is a virus, whether

this is a prank, whether this is sort of an innocuous probe. or whether this is really somebody trying to destroy our network, deny us information, or worse yet, give us the wrong information."

General Eberhart rated today's level of threat against DOD computer systems as "medium."

He noted that DOD and private-sector security specialists are also concerned and vigilant about "insider" threats to computer information systems.

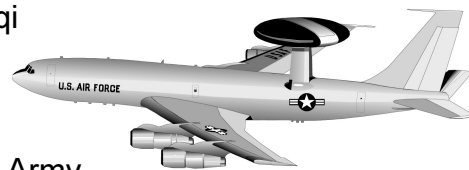
Such threats can range from espionage by agents working for foreign governments or rival corporations to acts by disgruntled employees.

363d Air Expeditionary Wing Mission

Conduct combat operations as directed by the NCA in support of Operation Southern Watch, enforce UN resolutions, protect national interests, and defend against Iraqi aggression in Southwest Asia. Employ 12 US aircraft types operating



from bases in three countries. Conduct, and provide combat support for, joint/combined aerospace operations with US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and coalition forces.





Photos by Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Airman 1st Class David Hambaugh, 363d Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight, line support, removes a pin from a munitions trailer accessory.

363 Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight

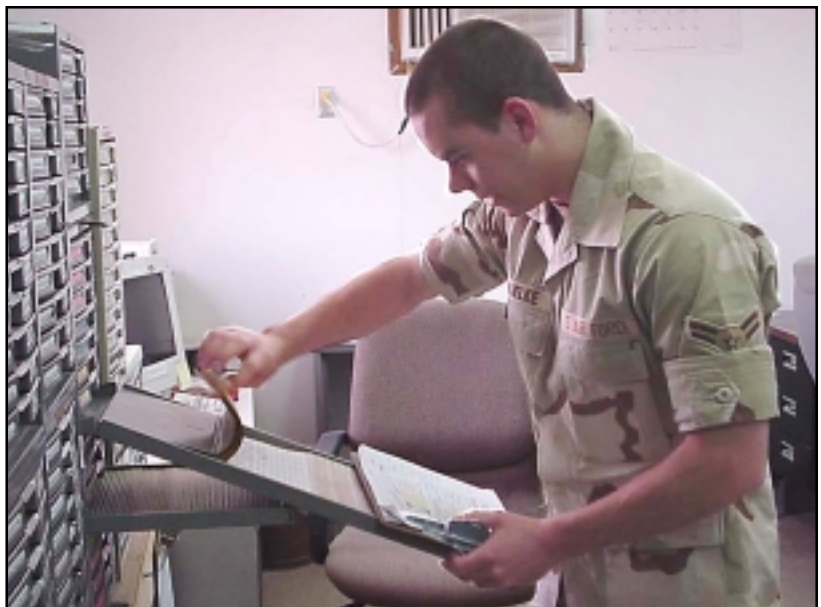
Keeping the world safe by providing superior firepower



Staff Sgt. Angela Orr, 363d EMXS Munitions Flight, conventional munitions crew chief, loads 20mm rounds onto a belt.



Senior Airman William Todd, 363d EMXS Munitions Flight, conventional maintenance crewmember, mans a 20mm cannon loader.



Airman 1st Class Jeromy Schulke, 363d EMXS Munitions Flight, munitions inspector, check records.



Senior Airman Rafael Lopez and Senior Airman Justin Robinson, both with the 363d EMXS Munitions Flight, precision guided munitions, remove a guidance fin from an AIM-9 missile.

Sharp Troop



Senior Airman Michael Newman

Senior Airman Michael Newman, 363d Expeditionary Support Group PERSCO unit, was awarded the Sharp Troop Award for his noteworthy professionalism and attitude.

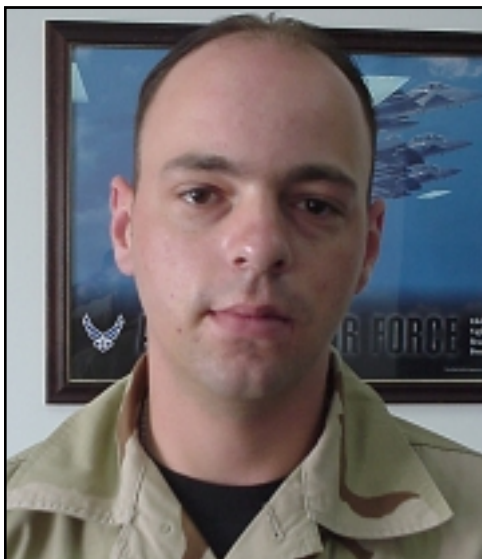
Newman, deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., was nominated for this award by Master Sgt. James E. Lee Jr., 363d Air Expeditionary Wing first sergeant.

"Newman also always has a positive attitude, qualities that epitomize the customer service representative," Lee said. "He is courteous on the telephone and in person when interacting with customers at his duty section. His etiquette and military bearing suggest pride and honor in his profession. Also, these qualities are routinely observed outside the workplace. I am very impressed with him as a troop."

The Sharp Troop Award is given by unit first sergeants as a way to recognize enlisted members whose noteworthy professionalism is evident in their bearing, dress, and appearance.

In addition to receiving the award, the home unit commanders of Sharp Troops are notified of the exceptional performance of their troops during their deployment.

Desert Warriors One Team ... One Fight



Senior Airman Sascha Harmon

Unit: 363d Expeditionary Operations Group

Home station: Maxwell Air Force Base, Ga.

Time in service: 5 years

Favorite food at PSAB: Crab legs

Favorite Book: Anything

Favorite Movie: Untouchables

What has been your most memorable experience here so far? Watching a night takeoff from the end of the runway.

What do you like best about your job here? Being able to interact with sister services.



Senior Airman Jennifer Samson

Unit: 363d Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Home station: Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Time in service: 3 years

Favorite food at PSAB: Yogurt

Favorite Book: The Great Gatsby

Favorite Movie: Pulp Fiction

What has been your most memorable experience here so far? Seeing a huge dust storm.

What do you like best about your job here? The ability to learn more about my job.

Chief's recognition coin recipients

Below are the March recipients of chief coins. Each chief receives one coin per month to award to a deployed member in recognition of outstanding contributions toward accomplishing the mission and improving the Esprit de Corps of the enlisted men and women. These individuals must also meet or exceed the standards set forth in AFI 36-2903 and its supplements.

Master Sgt. Michael A. Garcia, 363 Expeditionary Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sieler, 363d Expeditionary Support Group

Tech. Sgt. Leslie Rhodes, 363d Air Expeditionary Wing

Tech. Sgt. Geoffrey L. Bowyer, 363d Transportation Squadron

Army Staff Sgt. Kelly S. Kinoff, 571st Helicopter Squadron

Staff Sgt. Bridget Butler, 363d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Dorothy A. Langford, 363d Expeditionary Logistics Group

Staff Sgt. Kevin W. Johnson, 23rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron

Staff Sgt. Amy Burke, 363d Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Paul Harvey, 363d Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

Marine Corps Sgt. Steven P. Butler, VMAQ-3

Senior Airman Lawrence Valdez, 363 Air Expeditionary Wing

Senior Airman Marvel Patrick, 363d Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Jason Elliot, 363d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Joe Randall, F-16CJ Squadron

Senior Airman Sherry Lohr, 363d Expeditionary Support Group

Senior Airman Matthew Beeman, 12th Expeditionary intelligence Squadron

Marine Corps Corporal Derek Cara, VMAQ-3

Chapel happenings

Catholic events

Mass, Monday - Friday at 6 p.m.

Mass, Saturdays in the Ops Town main briefing room at 5 p.m.

Sunday mass at 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance, by appointment

Protestant events

Gospel joy night service, Fridays at 7 p.m.

Sunday service in the Ops Town main briefing room at 9:30 a.m.

Traditional service on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Gospel service on Sundays at 1 p.m.

Church of Christ on Sundays at 3 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Contemporary service on Sundays at 8 p.m.

Jewish service

Shabbat service, held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel TV room

Islamic prayer

Held daily in the chapel counseling room at noon and 3 p.m.

Music rehearsals

Contemporary praise band practice on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Contemporary praise band on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Gospel praise team

on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Catholic choir

on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Gospel choir

on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Contemporary praise team

on Fridays at 8:45 p.m.

Gospel choir

on Saturdays at 7 p.m.

Religious education

Protestant bible study

on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

James Bible study

on Mondays at 6 p.m.

Counseling

For counseling appointments or information, call 434-7433 during duty hours. For emergencies after duty hours, call the command post at 434-6705 or 434-6706 to contact the chaplain on duty.

All services are held in building 107, Coalition Complex, unless otherwise noted.

History of the emblem, wing

By Tech. Sgt. Greg Henneman
363d Air Expeditionary Wing historian

You have seen it all over the base, at briefings, worn on uniform patches, and even on challenge coins. The distinctive emblem of the 363d Air Expeditionary Wing, with the checkerboard square on the top left hand corner, the lion in the bottom right, and the two blue squares, is not something that was recently created and used because someone thought that it looked good. Rather, this emblem has a legacy that recalls the long history of the 363d.

The Department of the Air Force first approved this emblem on June 16, 1952, for what was then the 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. In 1952, the wing had just recently moved from Langley Air Force Base, Va., to the place that would be its home for the next 43 years, Shaw Air Force Base, S. C. At this time, during the Korean War, the wing trained pilots bound for service using a number of aircraft including the RF-80 and RB-26.

However, the emblem created by the members of the wing in the 1950s memorialized the service of their predecessors in World War II. The checkerboard square symbolizes disciplined military organization, as troops on a battlefield. The two blue squares remember the valor and courage displayed by the members of the 363d Tactical Reconnaissance Group during the Second World War.

Most specifically, the lion on a red background stands for courage and victory as displayed by the group during the Battle of the Bulge. As the Nazi army launched its last all-out attack against the allies in December 1944, the 363d flew the F-6 and P-38, repelling the German attacks. For their service, the 363d twice received a special citation from the Belgian government, the Belgian Fourragere.

In addition to the service in the Battle of the Bulge, the group also received campaign credit for its operations during the D-Day invasion of Normandy and campaigns in the Rhineland and Ardennes-Alsace. Throughout this period, the 363d recorded 88 kills against

enemy aircraft. Flying P-51 Mustangs in the summer of 1944, some of the Air Force's most legendary pilots flew with the 363d, including eventual Korean War ace James Jabara.

Continuing its historic level of service, the wing received an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, which was personally presented by President John F. Kennedy for reconnaissance work during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Throughout the Vietnam War, the 363d rotated its flying squadrons to Southeast Asia, flying the RF-4C and RF-101. On Jan. 28, 1968, the wing deployed six EB-66s to Kunsan Air Base, Korea, following the North Korean seizure of the *USS Pueblo*.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the 363d flew fighter and tactical reconnaissance training missions – Tactical Air Command's only wing with this dual role. This training proved its worth as the wing deployed its F-16s to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, during Operation Desert Shield. In Operation Desert Storm, the wing received credit for destroying nearly one-third of the Iraqi bomber force.

The 363d Fighter Wing inactivated at Shaw Air Force Base on Dec. 31, 1993. However, its rich history destined it to return to service. When Air Combat Command looked for a historic wing to establish at Prince Sultan Air Base, the command chose the 363d, which was redesignated as the 363d Air Expeditionary Wing and activated on Dec. 1, 1998.

Recently, the wing changed its official motto. Like the emblem, the previous motto came from the reconnaissance days, "To See is to Know." On Dec. 8, 2000, the Air Force changed the motto to the one we are familiar with, "One Team, One Fight."

Although the people and even the missions have changed over the years, the emblem remains constant. The wing's emblem is a symbol of the valor, courage, discipline, and victory. The members of the 363d AEW display this tradition each day through the successful accomplishment of the Southern Watch mission.



We're all part of the generals' team

By Lt. Col. James M. Cohen
363d Expeditionary Medical Group
deputy commander

Like most, I haven't had the opportunity to hang around with generals very often. I was therefore looking forward to the special invitation all Prince Sultan Air Base permanent party members got to have dinner with Lt. Gen. Charles F. Wald, Maj. Gen. Harold H. Twitchell, and Brig. Gen. Allen Peck.

The "Social Hour" began promptly at 6 p.m., so naturally I was a few minutes early because I wasn't about to stroll in late in front of the generals. The room was all set up with tablecloths, a fancy serving line, and chilled diet Coke and "beer." The air was heavy with the smell of freshly grilled steak. Several third-country nationals were attending the food and a few military people in DCUs were helping attendees sign in and find their seats. Over by the beverages, a small group of my buds were discussing the weather so I wandered over.

The small talk continued for about 10 minutes as more of the permanent party arrived. Suddenly the double doors opened and in strode the generals, yep, all three of them. A quick call to attention affirmed their arrival to everyone in the room. A hefty "carry on" was pronounced and the startled attendees timidly returned to their small talk as best as we could. Fortunately for me, I was at the far end of the room, quite a safe distance from the generals.

Taking periodic, secretive glances in their direction, I avoided any eye contact while closely monitoring the generals' progress as they worked the room. Then I began to worry as I saw both General Wald and General Twitchell slowly but surely working their way over to my area. The stars on their collars were definitely getting bigger. I had to move fast. Quickly, I slid behind the 12th Expeditionary Intelligence Squadron commander hoping he would deflect any direct contact with a general. I was safe and secure now, shielded by strategically placed commanders and chiefs. Oh no, the 12th EINS commander moved. Suddenly I was vulnerable, and General Wald was on final approach. I had to think fast.

I saw a vacant haven to the right just a few feet away, so I made my move just milliseconds before General Wald

arrived. Breathing a sigh of relief, I settled in to my new location. I struck up a conversation with the 363d Support Group deputy commander, and with my back to General Wald's last known glide path, there was no way I would be vulnerable to any VFR-direct contact by the general.

Relaxing just a bit, I was about to take a swig of my Diet Coke when something heavy struck my shoulder from behind. Instantly I recognized it as strong, solid hand. It lingered for just a second, confidently squeezing my shoulder blade. Then it was gone. Startled, I turned around and saw General Wald slowly walking away to another group of attendees. It was General Wald himself who clasped my shoulder. He sure was big and solid, I guess they must have a "Body by CENTAF" program at Shaw. I was awed. This went beyond just talking. The general went out of his way to acknowledge my presence with a friendly gesture usually reserved for close teammates, family, and friends. That wasn't so bad. In fact, it was kind of neat.

Reevaluating the room once again, I noticed General Twitchell not far away talking to a couple of my buddies. Summoning up my newly found confidence, I strolled right up to General Twitchell and introduced myself. What have I done? He was huge. Being well over six feet tall, he was bigger and taller than General Wald. (I'm only five-foot seven-inches tall so everyone is big to me.) But still, don't they make any small generals? My neck was beginning to ache as I stared up at his face and collar with two imposing stars. But after a while, I began to feel quite at ease with General Twitchell. I even found out he's from Austin. We also talked about cars, particularly Jaguars. I was really beginning to enjoy myself; I just wish he wasn't so darned big because my neck still hurts from staring up at him.

Just as I was about to comment about something, a loud thud exploded to my immediate right.

Something was hit hard; I could even feel the shockwave from the impact. Turns out it was General Wald slamming one of his staffers on the back from behind. The poor unfortunate fellow was clearly struggling from the surprise, but he recovered quickly.

Apparently he was used to it. General Peck strolled up then and indicated it was nearly time for speeches and then dinner. General Peck offered the floor to General Wald, who began to speak.

He talked to us as if we were friends or perhaps teammates. Gathering around him, our stances relaxed. He was clearly concerned about the welfare of the PSAB troops and stated repeatedly how appreciative he was for the sacrifices we're all making. He clearly understood the challenges involved in working with the local cultures. He wasn't talking to us; he

was talking with us. The general told us how much he depended on us, and how very proud he was to be serving with us.

He concluded his comments, and we found our seats for dinner. There were lots of laughs, good times, and plenty of interesting comments like, "tonight's entertainment will be watching Chief Foley eat creampuffs with his hands tied behind his back!" As it turned out, the Chief ate his creampuffs

with great dignity. Anyway, all too soon we rose for the generals' departure.

There were many things I learned that evening. Probably the most important of all is that generals are just as human as we are. They like to laugh and share good times with friends, and share challenges with teammates. When General Wald slapped me on the shoulder, he communicated confidence, trust, and goodwill.

For a precious instant, I felt a special bond with him. I'll never forget that special time of camaraderie I shared with the generals. I just wonder why they all have to be so darned big.

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Today

At the lounge: Karaoke, starts at 7 p.m.

Friday

At the movies: “The Pledge,” (R), at 1 p.m.; “The Contender,” (R), at 6 p.m.; “Dracula 2000,” (R), at 9 p.m.; and “Unbreakable,” (PG-13) at 1 a.m.

At the lounge: Club night, starts at 7 p.m.

Saturday

At the movies: “Valentine,” (R), at 1 p.m.; “What Women Want,” (PG-13), at 6 p.m.; “Legend of the Drunken Master,” (R), at 9 p.m.; and “What Lies Beneath,” (PG-13), at 1 a.m.

At the lounge: R&B night, starts at 7 p.m.

Activities: Dominoes tournament, starts at 7 p.m. at the Oasis Lounge.

Sunday

At the movies: “What Women Want,” (PG-13), at 1 p.m.; “Meet the Parents,” (PG-13), at 6 p.m.; and “Charlie’s Angels,” (PG-13), at 9 p.m.

At the Lounge: Latino night, starts at 7 p.m.

Monday

At the movies: “Ladies’ Man,” (R), at 1 p.m.; “Vertical Limit,” (R), at 6 p.m.; and “The Pledge,” (R), at 9 p.m.

At the lounge: Club night, starts at 7 p.m.

Activities: Checkers tournament, starts at 7 p.m. at the Oasis Lounge.

Tuesday

At the lounge: R&B night, starts at 7 p.m.

Activities: Combat bingo, starts at 7 p.m. in the theater.

Wednesday

At the movies: “Unbreakable,” (PG-13), at 1 p.m.; “The Contender,” (R), at 6 p.m.; and “Remember the Titans” (PG), at 9 p.m.

At the lounge: Latino night, starts at 7 p.m.

Activities: UNO tournament, starts at 7 p.m. at the Oasis Lounge.

Upcoming events

The American Red Cross holds a trivial night every Friday night at 7 p.m. in the chapel annex in Coalition Complex. This week’s theme is Star Wars trivia.

All events are subject to the current THREATCON at PSAB.

Tune to the Commander’s Access Channel for updates.

Services webpage

The services webpage lists hours of operation, calendar of events, activities, cultural tour information, and educational opportunities. The address is http://intranet.psab.af.mil/units/support_group/services/index.htm

The Reel Deal

The Pledge

On the day of his retirement, Nevada homicide detective Jerry Black lingers in his office one last time. But when the body of a murdered 8-year-old girl is discovered in the snow-blanketed mountains, the reluctant retiree is unable to step aside. Jerry offers his expertise at the crime scene, and takes it upon himself to deliver the devastating news to the victim’s parents. The grieving mother begs Jerry for answers. Faced with the tragic nature of the crime, the parent’s suffering and his own uncertainty about life after the police force, Jerry swears on his soul to find the killer. When an ambitious younger cop wrenches a dubious confession from a simple-minded suspect, the case is closed, but not for Jerry. Despite the skepticism of his peers, Jerry follows his hunch that the real killer is still at large and set to strike again. But how far will Jerry go to fulfill his promise? And at what cost? Starring Robin Wright-Penn, Benicio Del Toro, Helen Mirren, Jack Nicholson, and Aaron Eckhart.

Valentine

Valentine’s Day can be tough when you are single and alone - and even tougher when you’re not the most attractive guy on the college campus. Four women play a practical joke on a hapless collegiate on Valentine’s Day. Ten years later, Mr. Unpopular undergoes plastic surgery and is transformed into a handsome heart-throb. Now the tables are turned and he seeks out the four women he knew in college. Only this time it isn’t a joke - it’s murder. Starring Denise Richards, Marley Shelton, David Boreanaz, Jessica Capshaw, and Jessica Cauffiel.

Unbreakable

Bruce Willis stars as David Dunne, a Philadelphia security guard and the sole survivor of a disastrous train wreck. Not only is David still alive after the crash — he’s completely unharmed. After this miraculous incident, he’s contacted by the mysterious Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson), a dealer of comic book art who seems to have the opposite physicality — his bones tend to snap like twigs. As Elijah attempts to help the reluctant hero realize his superhuman potential, David tries to make amends with his estranged wife (Robin Wright Penn) and son (Spencer Treat Clark).

Vertical Limit

As action-director Martin Campbell’s heart-pumping new thriller begins, an eagle glides gracefully over the stunningly filmed mesas of Utah. Its shadow falls on a vertical rock face being climbed by Peter Garrett (Chris O’Donnell), his father (Stuart Wilson), and sister Annie (Robin Tunney). Suddenly, a backpack hurtles by, followed rapidly by two climbers, whose ropes tear the male Garretts from the rock face. The excruciatingly tense sequence ends in tragedy.

After this stunning opening, the action switches to the Himalayas, where tycoon Elliott Vaughn (Bill Paxton) has financed an expedition that will take him to the summit of K2 — the world’s second highest mountain. Annie is one of Elliott’s party. In the face of a threatening storm, Elliott recklessly insists the climb should continue. The storm duly arrives and decimates the expedition, leaving Elliott and Annie stranded. Peter leads a group of climbers — including the grizzled Montgomery Wick (Scott Glenn) and a French-Canadian nurse (Izabella Scorupco) — in a rescue attempt.

Meet the Parents

Ben Stiller stars as the unfortunately named Greg Focker, a neurotic nurse intent on marrying

his girlfriend, Pam (Teri Polo). But when the couple visits Pam’s family home for her sister’s wedding, he must first win the approval of her father, Jack (Robert De Niro), a protective ex-CIA agent. Before long, the awkward Greg and the suspicious Jack go head to head, resulting in hilarious scenes that feature a lie detector test, a suburban car chase, a toilet-trained cat, and a mean game of water volleyball. As the misunderstandings and mistakes reach an almost nightmarish peak, it seems as though Greg may never win over Pam’s unflinching guardian.

Remember the Titans

Remember the Titans tells the true story of Herman Boone (Denzel Washington), an African American football coach who led a racially divided high school team, the Titans, to victory in 1971 Alexandria, Virginia. Boone overcame racial prejudices and bigotry among his team and other coaches, teaching players respect, dedication, and strength. He was therefore a huge inspiration and role model to the team, and made a great impact on the small, closed-minded southern community. An excellent depiction of a stunning story, Boaz Yakin’s film will inspire audiences.

The Ladies Man

This raucous comedy, based on the sketch from the television show, Saturday Night Live, features Tim Meadows playing the exaggerated role of a Leon Phelps, a smooth-talking, sex-lovin’ skirt chaser whose every line is even more crass and politically incorrect than the one before it. In The Ladies Man, Phelps has been fired from his job as a radio talk show host for making inappropriate comments on the air, and, as he searches for a new job, he receives a letter from a woman claiming he is her true love. The problem is, he cannot figure out which woman, of all those he’s casually seduced over the years, she might be.

Charlie’s Angels

In this remake of the popular 1970s television show, the three angels — Dylan (Drew Barrymore), Natalie (Cameron Diaz), and Alex (Lucy Liu) — are called to duty by their flirtatious boss, Bosley (Bill Murray), to intervene in the kidnapping of a well-known millionaire. The film has been updated from the original TV show in a few poignant ways: The angels are now called “women” (not “little girls”) in the introductory voice-over, and they concentrate on strength and martial arts when they fight criminals because they no longer carry guns. Packed with glam action and featuring a fantastic cast — including LL Cool J — Charlie’s Angels promises to please.

What Lies Beneath

This chilling romantic mystery from director Robert Zemeckis (Forrest Gump, Contact, Back to the Future) casts Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer as a quiet couple living in the hills of Vermont. However, when they begin seeing visions of a woman who is haunting their house, the husband (Ford) confesses that it is the ghost of a young girl with whom he had an affair, and who may have been murdered. A sexy and suspenseful film, What lies beneath keeps the veiwer on the edge of his seat.

The Contender

When the Vice President of the United States dies suddenly, Senator Laine Hanson (Joan Allen) is chosen by the President (Jeff Bridges), to be the Vice Presidential replacement. Dogged with opposition from both parties, Hanson is challenged to prove that she is a strong enough politician to handle the job’s responsibilities. However, during the confirmation process, the fierce congressman Shelly Runyon (Gary Oldman) digs up secret information about her past personal life that sparks a huge political controversy.

What's Cookin'

Friday lunch: Crab legs, sautéed scallops, shrimp, broccoli, potato bar, carrot salad, tomato soup, chocolate cake
Dinner: Pork adobo, halibut, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, stir-fry mixed vegetables, clam chowder, white cake
Saturday lunch: Meatloaf, roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, mixed vegetables, pizza, turkey noodle soup, apple cobbler
Dinner: T-bone steak, corned beef, Franconia potatoes, corn, simmered cabbage, beef & rice soup, peanut butter cookies
Sunday lunch: Top sirloin steak, BBQ spareribs, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pizza, turkey noodle soup, peanut butter cookies
Dinner: Steamship round beef, Dijon baked pork chops, corn, squash, Waldorf salad, chocolate chip cookies
Monday lunch: Salisbury steak, stir-fry chicken, broccoli, peas, carrots, deli sandwiches, chicken wings, cucumber salad, maple nut cake
Dinner: Yankee pot roast, grilled salmon, cauliflower, corn-on-the-cob, cucumber salad, oatmeal cookies, maple nut cake
Tuesday lunch: Turkey pot pie, roast Fresh ham, cauliflower, peas with mushrooms, JELLO salad, chocolate chip cookies, white cake
Dinner: Chicken and Italian vegetable pasta, scallops scampi, carrots Almondine, southern style green beans, tomato soup, white cake
Wednesday lunch: Steak strips with onions, shrimp curry, broccoli, mixed vegetables, BBQ pork sandwich, chicken vegetable soup
Dinner: Tomato meatloaf, fried catfish, Boston baked beans, Calico corn, chicken vegetable soup, oatmeal cookies
Thursday lunch: Honey-glazed Cornish Hen, chicken fajitas, cauliflower, Parmesan green beans, pasta bar, chicken nuggets
Dinner: Jaegerschinzeln with mushroom gravy, Sauerbraten, German potato salad, Brussels sprouts, Lentil soup, chocolate chip cookies

The menu is subject to change without notice.



Rickey Duffy, SVS, gets ready to send the softball to the outfield during a game against Ammo Saturday. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Loren Bonser)



Phil Stevens, Ammo, delivers a pitch.



Jeff Martin, Ammo, hits a line drive to center field.



Devon Spiwak, Ammo, runs for home plate in Saturday's game.

Intramural Standings (as of April 6)

Volleyball

<i>American League</i>		
TEAM	W	L
R.J.'S	7	0
363 ECES #2	7	1
363 EOSS	5	3
363 ECONS	4	3
363 ECS	4	3
363 ELU2	4	4
363 EMXS #1	4	4
363 ETS	3	4
363 ESVS	3	4
363 EFS	3	5
363 ESS#2	1	7
<i>National League</i>		
363 EMDG #1	7	0
363 ESS #1	7	1
ARMY	6	1
363 ELG	5	3
363 ECES #1	5	3
8 EAMSS	3	4
363 ECES #3	3	4
363 ESFS	2	5
R.A.F.	2	5
363 EMDG #2	1	6
363 EMXS #2	1	7

Softball

<i>American League</i>		
TEAM	W	L
SUPPLY #3	1	0
363 CES# 2	1	0
AMMO	1	0
363 ESVS	1	1
CC CES	1	1
363 ESFS	1	1
363 ETS	1	1
363 ECEF #1	1	1
8 AMSS	0	1
AEW/PERSCO	0	2
<i>National League</i>		
OSS	2	0
SFS #2	2	0
COMM	1	0
F15C #1	1	0
CEF #2	1	1
363 EMDG	1	1
363 EMXS #1	0	1
SUPPLY #1	0	1
TRANS #2	0	2
363 ECES #1	0	2